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Photo by Sue Tiffin

From left, Travis Neville, Andrew Jennings, Jay Archer, Nick Barry, Felix Scuhr, and Jamie Pyl celebrated the end of their high school careers during Prom at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. See story and more pictures on pages 20 and 21.

Reid welcomes Clarke to Minden race

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

Minden Hills councillor-at-large Larry Clarke has filed his nomination for reeve.

On May 30, Clarke joined Brent Devolin and incumbent reeve Barb Reid in the race for the township's top seat.

Clarke has been Minden's councillor-at-large for the past three-and-a-half years. He earned

his seat as part of the Vision Team – alongside Reid and councillors Brigitte Gall and Ken Redpath – in the 2010 election.

Clarke spoke positively of Reid and Devolin. "Barb's a very intelligent lady, and is very hard-working," he said. "Brent has strong political roots in the area. Both bring positive things to the race."

He praised the current council for getting much done during its term.

"It's working, [there's] just different styles of working," he said. "There's been a lot of work that's needed to be done, and it's functioning."

The Orillia-born Minden Hills resident said he brings a different leadership style to the current council, one which is collaborative and brings a cohesiveness to the council, township and community. He lists his background in management and his involvement with several committees, on and off council, as his

qualifications for being the township's next reeve.

Reid applauded Clarke's decision to run. "I think that's great. That's what I did in 2010. I was a member of the previous council. I thought I had some better ideas and better ways of doing things so I took a chance and ran and got in. I think that's what it's all about. I think that's a good thing."

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Devolin quits job at Ridgewood to go all-in for reeve

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"Larry's a very nice guy, but I have to look at what he's accomplished, and I wonder if he can deliver what he says he can."

The reeve said ultimately the decision would be left up to voters.

"You know, talk is one thing, but you have to be able to deliver. So, that's really what the voters have to weigh."

Reid said the election race would be more interesting with a third person running.

"Some would argue that a third person in actually favours the incumbent, because they split the vote. But that's just a theory. It's up to

the voters to decide."

In January, Devolin said he would step down if a candidate he felt was better qualified for the position joined the race.

"It'll be very interesting to see what Brent's next move will be," said Reid.

Devolin said Clarke's joining the race doesn't impact his own campaign plans.

"By that [comment...] Larry wasn't on my list," he said. "I was thinking of the deputy-reeve we currently have, I was thinking of Lisa [Schell]. Some folks that aren't currently on council that previously used to be in the press business come to mind. Those were the people on my mind at that time, so yes, that

doesn't change my stance on that."

Devolin was not expecting Clarke to enter the race. He had seen Gall publicly and demonstrably distance herself from the Vision Team, but not Clarke.

"He's been pretty consistent in his support of Barb Reid. That's probably the reason I'm most surprised."

Devolin said his next move, unrelated to Clarke's entering the race, would be to leave his sales position at Ridgewood Ford to concentrate on his campaign. He planned to leave the day job if he was elected in order to focus on the reeve position, but said a busy summer of campaigning was going to cause a

conflict with his work schedule. His last day will be June 11.

"I've just come to this sooner than maybe some might have expected," he said.

"If it's poker, this is an all-in move."

Clarke's decision to join the race for reeve leaves Ron Nesbitt as the only candidate in the councillor-at-large category.

Nesbitt was unfazed by his lack of competition in the race.

"I actually think I'll do well, even if someone else runs," he said.



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Highlander news

Candidates woo students

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students got the first crack at Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP candidates during a debate on June 2.

Students piled into the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for the opportunity to question the candidates on various issues, including post-secondary tuition, jobs and infrastructure.

NDP candidate Don Abel opened the debate by speaking of the bad situation Ontario currently finds itself in.

“We all realize the economy is in a very bad situation,” he said. “One of our priorities is to create jobs assist employers to give them incentives to create jobs, to hire more people, and we’re doing that through tax credits to the employer.”

He also said the healthcare system has fractured over the years, and needs to be repaired.

Liberal candidate Rick Johnson instead opted to take shots at PC leader Tim Hudak’s Million Jobs Plan, saying his party won’t fire 100,000 people.

“That’s over 1,000 people in this area,” he

said. “Ontario Liberals won’t make those cuts. We believe in building our communities up.”

Incumbent MPP and PC candidate Laurie Scott fired back, charging the Liberals with severe overspending.

“You have to realize that when a government overspends, it puts you into a lot of debt and deficit,” she said. “Ontario’s debt is actually more than all the other provinces combined. As it stands now, each and every one of us is in debt by \$21,000 under the current government.”

Students asked the candidates how they planned to bring jobs to the area.

Johnson spoke about the Liberal’s plan to spend \$130 billion over 10 years across the province to create jobs, however he didn’t say exactly how that would play out in the county.

Scott, on the other hand, targeted energy costs and taxes as barriers to job creation in Haliburton.

“[We will] bring down those barriers to business,” she said. “[They are] blockages for mom and dad stores here. They’re not hiring students because hydro bills are so high [and] they have to work the extra hours themselves.”

“We say, you have to create the climate to create more jobs.”



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott looks on as Liberal provincial candidate Rick Johnson answers a question during the HHSS all-candidates meeting.

Abel agreed that creating jobs in the county should be a priority.

“The job situation is very dismal, especially in Haliburton,” he said. “A lot of young people are unable to find work so they can work their way through attaining higher education.”

The NDP are looking at paying employers a credit of up to a cap of \$5,000 per employee

to give incentive for them to hire more people.

A handful of HHSS students are eligible this year to vote for the first time in the provincial election, however the entire school will vote in a student mock election on June 6. The next all candidates meeting is scheduled for June 5 at Fleming College in Haliburton, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kidd in critical care at Toronto’s St Michael’s

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Haliburton musician and businessman Gord Kidd is in critical condition at St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto after he crashed his ATV on May 31.

According to the Ontario Provincial Police, Kidd was traveling along Harburn Road near Dunn Road at approximately 7 p.m. when he hit a tree. The police report indicated he was taken away from the scene with life-threatening injuries.

“I hear lots of cuts and bruises but no broken bones,” said a close family friend. “Doctors have been keeping him sedated. An MRI will tell the story.”

Police later found Kidd’s helmet at the scene, however it is unclear whether or not he was wearing it at the time of the collision or if it came loose prior to the impact.

Friends of Kidd responded quickly to the news of his accident, with many showing support and sharing information on social media. When the police reports were released, friends immediately defended Kidd’s reputation for safety.

“It concerns me that some have made this a ‘driving without a helmet’ story rather than a terrible accident with one on our county’s most respected citizens,” said the family friend. “He was likely trying to take [his helmet] off after the accident. Gord is a careful operator and it is unlikely he was not wearing a helmet as previously stated.”

Kidd co-owns Minden Hearing Service with his wife, Kathryn. He is well known in the community for his musical talent and his devotion to local charity.

“Kathryn is overwhelmed with the number of people reaching out to them and grateful for all the thoughts and prayers.”

Kathryn took to social media on June

3 to update the community about Gord’s condition.

“He was wearing a helmet and it’s unclear as to what happened,” she wrote. “He has a scalp injury that has been repaired. He has absolutely no brain injury. He is going to require surgery to repair a fractured vertebrae [sic] in his neck and

two lower down in his back. He has full use of both arms and legs but is being kept completely sedated in order to prevent him from moving until after the surgery.”

Kathryn asked that her cell phone be kept free for communication between herself and Gord’s doctors. She also stressed her appreciation for the community’s outreach.

OPP in brief

Woman charged with impaired driving after rollover

A 53-year-old woman from Eagle Lake has been charged with impaired driving after she rolled her vehicle on Haliburton Lake Road.

Ontario Provincial Police responded to the scene on May 30 at around 9:45 p.m. Carol Bateman was driving a 2006 Buick

when she put the vehicle into the ditch and rolled it over. Police at the scene transported Bateman to the Minden detachment for a breath test.

Bateman has been charged with impaired driving and driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol. She is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on July 2 to face the charges.



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Editorial opinion

Hunting for home

During an interview last week, my subject referred to me as the Girl on the Gull and remarked the bugs must be bad where I live.

I don't actually live on the Gull River, though I believe the bugs are probably bad there since they seem to be painfully abundant everywhere else in this otherwise lovely land. The name of the column represents my space in Minden, which is currently near South Lake. But that might be changing.

For the past few weeks, Justin and I have been obsessing over online real estate sites and turning to real estate pages in the paper as though we're adults. We've been travelling throughout the county on the hunt for a home to call our own, feeling creepy as we take off our shoes and enter another person's space.

We're not the average first time homebuyers, though. We are definitely complicated buyers – or at this point, complicated lookers – that are surely driving our realtor to despair.

What we want is a modest place to be the homebodies we are. It must feel more like Haliburton County than it does, say, a subdivision in Barrie or Brampton. We'd like acreage that we can be proud of – land to learn about and cherish like so many gardeners, foragers and outdoors people that live in the area. After living in a tiny cubicle in Korea in which we could always see each other no matter where we were in the place, we'd like the opportunity to camp in the backyard. Or just to have a backyard, really. And we wouldn't be opposed to water frontage, either.

The problem is, our budget is better suited to literally camping in a

backyard, or perhaps hunkering down next to a swamp. On top of that, while most first-time homeowners might think about what their house will be worth in five years, our main concern is wondering what the future holds for our firstborn.

We know she'll need round-the-clock care as she grows, but we also need to consider wheelchair accessibility, flat land, open spaces, bathtubs and other unforeseen dangers she may not know enough to avoid. As a result, when we look at a house, I feel we're being as irritating to the realtor as I am when I order a sandwich with no less than six substitutions.

It might be nice – but is it safe? Is it a place she can thrive? Can EMS get to it? Is it close enough to the hospital that when her seizures last longer than five minutes, we can be admitted not long after? Should we just pick a place and adjust it for her special needs as they come along? Should we just stick to considering the basic "land or waterfront" question that we still can't answer?

For us, finding a space that suits all of our needs has been nerve-racking, but we're enjoying learning about different areas in our town and getting a better understanding of how people in our town live. We do warn you, though – we very well might be coming to a house near you soon. The good thing is, we're at least slightly less annoying than the bugs.



By Sue Tiffin

None of the above

Russell Brand is perhaps one of the unlikeliest prophets of democratic reform. The British comedian and former user of hard drugs has lately been shaking up the British establishment with his ideas as to how society should address the unrelenting and inescapable corruption of our institutions, both public and private. With a beard and long, shaggy hair to match his rabble-rousing prose, Brand is the ultimate iconoclast; his interview with the combative Jeremy Paxman is a YouTube must-see.

Brand's message is that our politicians and political process have become so corrupt and self-interested, that to vote is to grant legitimacy to people and ideas that deserve no such thing. By voting, we play a game in which the winning party can claim a mandate from the voters. The rational option in his view is not to play the game; to deny them legitimacy by refusing to vote.

Certainly that's an idea crossing many minds in Ontario this month. With the NDP we have proposals and policies completely out of touch with reality. For the NDP, everyone is oppressed, everything is an outrage, and someone must therefore be punished to bring the world into balance. Their program is reckless and unprincipled, and besides has been adopted by the Liberals.

The Liberals themselves have the unfortunate matter of their record. Aside from the corruption and what appears to be genuine criminality, the government has utterly failed on all of its major files: healthcare is worse, education is more expensive, and energy costs are out of control. Their reign has been a smorgasbord for hacks, unions, charlatans and overpriced consultants who have bled our treasury dry.

And, instead of making a new start – firing all her ministers and calling in the cops herself, as any new leader would do to underline her control and strength of character – Kathleen Wynne just carried on, hoping it would all go away. It was more important to her not to upset friends in the party than to do the right thing for Ontario.

Our best hope, the Tories, have been

hobbled by a leader many see as a smarmy frat boy. His entire platform is based on a lie debunked over the last 30 years: that lowering taxes and regulations creates jobs. It doesn't. It makes rich people richer and they're not going to hire people just because they have a few extra bucks. Had the Progressive Conservatives ditched him when they had a chance for a solid leader like Frank Klees, they would be choosing curtains for the premier's office right now instead of wondering why the most inept government in Ontario's history may actually get reelected.

So which is it? The mudruckers, the criminals or the liars?

Anyone who brings up the Green Party gets a rubber chicken up the side of their head.

On a local level, Laurie Scott and Rick Johnson are both affable, hard working people. Both have represented the county well. But policy and the character of government are not up to them. We have to look beyond.

And when we do, there is nothing. The choices presented are at best an insult to our intelligence, at worst proof that politics really is beyond redemption.

If you're inclined to follow Brand's advice, you must still go to the polling station. Don't spoil or destroy your ballot – those are considered mistakes. Instead, get your ballot, have them cross you off the list, and then hand it back to the poll worker saying "I decline my ballot." It's the only small chance we voters have to send a message to political leaders that the choices on offer are unacceptable.

By declining our ballots, we deny legitimacy to the next government, whatever its stripe. By doing it collectively, we give a middle finger from Haliburton County to our friends in the Big Smoke. We are saying in the only way we can: none of the above.

To vote is to legitimize whichever party wins. Sadly, declining our ballots may be the only way to truly express our political will.



By Bram Lebo

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Corrections

In 'Food for Kids charity BBQ raises \$3,000' (The Highlander issue 136, page 30), it was incorrectly reported that the Rotary Club provided a \$600 donation to the Food for Kids charity. The donation was actually provided by the Haliburton & District Lions Club. The Highlander regrets this error.

In 'Blues harpist brings joy to Minden' (The Highlander issue 136, page 34), it was reported that the concert was the last of the Canadian Blues Series. In actuality, it is called the Canadian Blues Legends Series, and this concert was the last of the season. The series runs from September until June, and will resume this fall.



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Letters to the editor

Co-operation beats confrontation

Dear editor,

I would like to correct some of the claims made on the election trail. One of them brought up consistently is the old chestnut that we cannot afford an NDP government because we are still paying on the debt Bob Rae left us 20 years ago.

Let us go back to the summer of 1990 when Bob Rae's NDP was elected. They followed the Liberal government of David Peterson, where they were partners in a coalition and walked right into a serious recession that was not of their making. True enough, Rae was elected on the strength of the union vote. But what is wrong with a democratically run union? The smartest and most successful companies in our country and abroad have union representation on their decision-making boards.

My life experience teaches me that co-operation beats confrontation every time. Bob Rae, when faced with serious job losses in the industrial sector, proposed what became known as Rae Days. The significance of this is that Rae called on workers to share their jobs by giving up one or two days a month to preserve jobs until the economy picked up again. Greedy unions opposed this, and combined with other mistakes made by Rae due to inexperience in governance, they helped to defeat him in 1995 before he had a chance to implement his 1990 platform.

To blame Rae for deficit spending in times of recession and job losses is really like cutting off your nose to spite your face if you are dependent on an industrial job to keep your family afloat.

It might also be proper to consider the Free Trade Deal that was negotiated by the federal Conservatives under Prime Minister Mulroney and implemented by the federal Liberals after campaigning against it by the Hon. Jean Chretien. The effect of the Free Trade Deal on industrial jobs was devastating, and it took root during the nineties because multi-national corporations were now able to move their operations to countries that paid starvation wages, had no health care or environmental protections.

I could go on, but the point I am trying to make is that this great province, and this great country, is ill-served by the politics of division, setting unions against governments, the rich against poor and claiming that we cannot afford to look after our seniors or even that we cannot look after our soldiers when they come home injured, physically and/or mentally. We call them heroes when they come back dead, and ignore their needs when they return broken.

Just a different view of the workings within a democracy.

Karl Braeker
Minden

Ode to the snowplower

Dear editor,

Wow, what a great job and well done. Now that the beautiful weather is upon us, it's easy to forget the relentless snowfall we experienced this past winter.

I want to give a big commendation to the snowplowers, especially Ward 2 and Hwy 118, for the prompt and reliable snow

removal. With a commuter in the family, it made the difference between getting to work or not.

The roads were also far better than other counties and cities. You guys rock.

Mary Hawkeswood
Haliburton

Eating my way through home

"Oh England my England how I missed the taste of thee..." Not quite correct I'm certain, but near enough to poet William Ernest Henley's historic words and perfectly suited to my current state of mind. I'm still in Blighty you see, and I now realize what I miss about my motherland when living in Canada. Food.

As you know, I've lived in beautiful Haliburton for quite a while now and I most certainly would not even contemplate stepping back into my old English life. People often ask me that very question though, or if there's anything about England that I miss. Until now I have answered a categorical 'no' to both quandaries. But food, lovely food, is a passion of mine, and this trip back to the old country has tantalized my taste buds, inflamed my stomach (only in a good way, I assure you) and reignited my love of all things gastronomic.

It all started in Wales, on a trip to the seaside. The smell of the ocean, the wind whipping sand across an expansive beach, Little Z and his cousins running hither and thither hunting down crabs in rock pools. The setting was bracing, as it always is in Wales – the wind and rain making sure of that – and the contents of those pools put thoughts of

seafood into my head.

An hour later and we were on Tenby harbour, the fishmonger's wares before us. Styrofoam cups of plump pink shrimps, snail-like whelks and cockles – little tidbits that my son said looked like boogers. One cup of each please, a hearty dash of vinegar on all three and then joyous gastronomic recollections of family holidays gone by: the tenderness of the shrimps matched by the chewy texture of the whelks and complemented by the taste of the sea that comes with each crunchy mouthful of cockles. The crunch comes from the grains of sand still held within their tiny, soft green/yellow bodies.

Then later, courtesy of the same fishmonger, dressed crab to begin, followed by a wondrous platter of fish. Skate wings and sole quickly fried in browned butter, scallops similarly dealt with so that their middles were only just cooked, and barbequed fresh mackerel, so oily and rich that it made my heart flutter.

We left Wales and headed for old stomping grounds in London where I reacquainted myself with England's uniquely warm flat beer. I struggled at first after so many refreshing cold ones in Canada, but I

Photo of the week



Photo by Tammy Nash

Dirty birds they may be, but still hard not to like.

OPP efforts inconsistent

Dear editor,

Why are the police pouring so many resources into the Sugar Island crimes? They're canvassing by boat, conducting DNA testing, and working the media. Three years ago when there were a string of break-ins one day in the Gelert-Minden area (one of which included clubbing a dog to death), the police seemed apathetic in comparison.

My family home was burgled and after the initial visit from the OPP, we couldn't even get our phone calls returned. There were visible fingerprints all over my electric piano, which the thieves tried to drag out of the house, yet the police didn't bother dusting for

prints, even when asked.

So why is there so much attention given to Sugar Island? Is it because they're cottagers? Is it because they own lakefront properties? Or is the property and peace of mind of permanent Gelert residents less valuable?

Considering the nonchalant treatment and low quality of service my family received from the OPP, I think we're already paying too much in taxes for the police. I can't imagine justifying the tax increase in the recently proposed OPP billing model.

Tyson Farrell
Gelert

The Outsider



By Will Jones

persevered and persevered.

In the nation's capital is a restaurant I hold dear to my heart. It serves unusual fare, a smorgasbord of British tapas that to me reads and tastes like heaven, but to many might seem somewhat macabre. Dishes include rabbit offal (that's the innards to the uninitiated), snail salad, cuttlefish in its own ink, a roast quail with tarragon (little Z's fave), chitterlings, bath chaps, and my heaven on a plate, black pudding with smoked back fat and a fried egg.

Swilling back my last gulp of wine, Little Z now restless and pulling at my sleeve, I surveyed the restaurant, Bread and Wine is its name, and almost shed a tear, such is my affection for the place and its culinary magic. Then we moved on, a spot of shopping for my lovely wife followed by a trip to the Midlands to drink more wine; big glasses of rather expensive red, courtesy of my brother in law Shaun, and one last quintessentially British taste sensation.

Curry.

Some may think curry is an Indian dish. And they'd be correct, sort of. But British curry is a cuisine all of its own: a creation born to suit the palate of less than adventurous English

folk in the 1950s and 60s, when Indian immigrants sought to make ends meet in this grey and rainy place they had moved to.

While English people now travel further and their tastes are more international, some things don't need to keep up with the times. The unique dishes that English curry-houses and take-aways still serve are national favourites and I was not going to miss out on my chance to reacquaint myself. We ordered far too much, as is the custom: everything from tikka massala to onion bajis, poppadums with yogourt and mint dips to spicy dansaks and sweet kormas. The meal was delivered to our door in aluminum foil cartons and all was washed down with cold beer or fizzy pop. Gloopy, gorgeous and great for staving off a hangover.

Haliburton and Canada I miss you already; your beauty, your friendliness, your readiness to accept this Outsider. But England, my England, is a gastronomic melting pot that I cannot help but fall in love with each time I take another trip to it, another taste of it.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What was the highlight of your Prom night?



Margaret Watson

Minden

Oh my goodness, that was a long time ago. I did not usually wear dresses so I remember my dress the best. Not my date or even the evening.

Mary Jane Irwin

Minden

What I remember most was making my own dress, and the worrying that I did that I might not have a date. I did get a date and did have a great time.



Megan Havill

Minden

I remember getting all dressed up for the big night and the dance. It was a big night.

Rose Vineham

Minden

The highlight would be dancing in the high school gymnasium in Scarborough. It was more the 70s music and it was just great.



Sarah Coltman

Horseshoe Lake

I put my car on the road for Prom night. I'd had it for a few months but I got to safely drive my friends around for the big night.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Tim Hudak is a student of Harris

Dear editor,

If you are considering voting Conservative in this election, please consider the following. Tim Hudak is promising to fire 100,000 civil servants. That is, 100,000 middle class workers who pay not only federal and provincial taxes, but municipal taxes that fund our arenas, schools, libraries, etc. He has promised 1,000,000 jobs, but economists of every political persuasion, including

Conservatives, have laughed at the numbers and said, at best, his plan can create 75,000 jobs. Hudak's plan means 25,000 fewer jobs. How will that help our economy?

After Mike Harris did his firing, our county suffered when we lost nurses, OPP, MNR staff and teachers. Businesses closed. Let's not allow that to happen again.

Pat Brezina
Minden

Municipal rules apply to everyone

Dear editor,

I read with interest and disgust Peter Schleifenbaum's rant about Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Following bylaws and Ontario Building Codes have little to do with special consideration for how much land you own, how many people you employ, or how much money one has. Whether these regulations are

right or wrong, they are part of doing business in Ontario.

Perhaps an attitude adjustment rather than what appears a confrontational, bullying approach might be beneficial. Peter, perhaps you should run for reeve and you would be able to make your own rules, or so you think.

Art Ouellette
Haliburton

Thank you for supporting the Fighting Irish at a difficult time

Dear editor,

When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and that's just what we did. When the Fighting Irish learned that one of their own was battling Cancer (Burkitt's Lymphoma), they rallied.

The O'Neill family, aka the Fighting Irish, was one of six teams participating in the Jim O'Neill benefit baseball tournament and dance. The hard work of many hands made this fundraiser a resounding success. The response came from family, friends, and, most importantly, our entire community that stretched from Welland to Cobourg to West Guilford and everywhere in between. There was no hesitation. We were all in.

"It was awesome to have all of my family come up and participate in the tournament. We are all baseball fans and love playing the game. It also meant a lot to my family to see the community come out and participate as well."

To say the least, this chain reaction was overwhelming, heartwarming but not totally unexpected. In times of need our small communities have stepped up to the plate and gave very generously from the heart. The connection we have is strong, unbreakable, and immeasurable and gives you the hope that anything is possible.

"Words can't really express what my family and friends have done for Kim and I and the kids, it's been very hard for everyone. I know I haven't been very easy to get along with at times."

Jim O'Neill lives in Eagle Lake with his partner Kim and their three children: Carter, 13; Jacob, 12; and Mikayla, who is 10. Kim has another daughter, Shyanna Smith, who will be 18 in August. Jim works at Holden Truss.

Jim and Kim have been together for the past 16 years. We're speechless and humbled with the outpouring of generosity and it brought all of us to tears as we witnessed their thank you speech at the dance.

Jim started chemotherapy in late October 2013 until the middle of April this year, and then radiation treatments for the month of May. Jim will have another CT scan on June 13 to see how the cancer has reacted to his treatments. Depending on the results of the scan, the doctors will decide what the next steps will be in his treatment.

The Fighting Irish won't go down without a fight.

Lesley Lumley
Branch secretary, HKPR District
Health Unit



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Highlander news

Fixing Minden arena could cost millions

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Hills council has a big decision to make.

On May 29, council was advised it would cost \$2.4 million to renovate the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, or \$8 million to rebuild it.

Steve Clark and Jason Crossen of The Greer Galloway Group Inc. consulted with councillors about the state of several public buildings. The engineers reported their findings after a visual inspection of the arena, community centre, museum, cultural centre, library, and Gelert community hall. Structural, mechanical and electrical inspections took place throughout March, April and May of this year.

Though the arena passed several of the inspection points, ventilation throughout the building was inadequate or insufficient, causing high humidity. Reported loss of brine indicated a leak in distribution piping, which may have corroded the rink reinforcement leading to the cracking and spalling of the rink slab. The controls for ceiling fans were reported to be a hazard, and the exterior masonry walls are in poor condition with severe deterioration or partial disintegration of the block units being visible.

"To do nothing is not a realistic option at this point in time," said Clark.

The report stated that brine system failure could occur at any time without notice.

Arena renovations could result in seven to eight months of closure.

"It's better to plan it from March to October rather than lose that hockey season," said Crossen, who has been responsible for overseeing numerous arena renovations or rebuilds throughout Ontario.

A hockey fan who stressed the importance of keeping the game going, Crossen said the village of Havelock expedited the work done on their arena, closing the doors on March 1 and getting kids back on the ice by Oct. 1.

Crossen also recommended bringing the arena change rooms up to code and adding a fifth change room for barrier-free access

to meet the increasing popularity of sledge hockey.

"It's not a code thing, it's just how you can bring it up to be a good quality arena," he said.

Crossen said it was possible with a renovation and not a complete rebuild to still create a "wow" factor for those walking in.

"It's not like a Band-Aid solution, it's something you can be proud of."

A renovation would add 20 years to the arena's life, while rebuilding it would result in it lasting 50-75 years depending on the building design.

The cultural centre, art gallery and library were inspected to find the cause of water infiltration. Water seepage within wall cavities was reported and the roof design was blamed for causing water infiltration. Additional investigations were recommended after the engineers called some aspects of the building "a recipe for trouble."

The Gelert community centre was assessed after mould was identified at the building in 2012. The report states mould growth has continued unabated since the 2012 inspection, and extensive mould as well as a significant quantity of bat guano was detected. Asbestos materials continued to be present after being reported in 2012. The engineers said the centre did not have a salvageable value.

"I would suggest looking at something new rather than putting a lot of money into a building we know has a lot of problems, and probably some we're unaware of," said Clark.

The report states that some points of inspection at the buildings were limited by significant snow and ice accumulation.

"When the inspection was done, it wasn't under ideal situations," said Crossen. "I would recommend doing another one. We physically couldn't see some aspects due to snow."

Council directed the report to staff and will await recommendations. Chief building official Colin McKnight suggested those recommendations might be ready to come to council in July.

Provincial Election Advance Polling Stations

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

All advance poll locations are open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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5 South Street, Haliburton
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Meetings and Events

June 9
6:30 pm, Youth Softball League,
Minden Fairgrounds

June 12
9:00 am, CoTW meeting, Minden Council
Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

June 26
9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00am)

New 4 Way Stops

The new stop signs in downtown Minden are now in place as per By-law No. 14-044. Four way stops are at the intersections of Prince and St. Germaine Streets and at Newcastle and St. Germaine Streets.

Please watch for and be prepared to stop at these intersections.

Speed Limit Reduced in the Village of Minden

The new 40km/hour speed limit signs as per By-law No. 14-043 are now posted in the Village of Minden along Bobcaygeon Road, Newcastle Street and Water Street.

Please watch for these signs and be prepared to reduce your speed.



SAVE THE DATE

The Township of Minden Hills is hosting their annual Canada Day Celebration on Tuesday, July 1st.

There is lots to see and do this year with a classic car show, a crazy river raft race, rubber ducky race, kids fishing derby, a live performance by Haliburton Dance Academy, drumming sessions by Abbey North Drummers, a hands on presentation by "Sciensational Snakes", free ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy and so much more. Events and activities start at 10:00am and continue until 3:00pm, with a spectacular fireworks display, at dusk, at the Minden Fairgrounds. If you would like to put a booth into the event, or volunteer for the day please contact Elisha Weiss at 286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Check out our website, www.mindenhills.ca, for more details in the weeks to come



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NEW MEDIA Classes - Beginners
The Minden Museum through Museum and Technology funding has acquired five computer stations. The following evening classes are now available:

Cost: \$25 / person for one evening class.
(Due to space restriction the classes are offered a number of evenings. Choose only one night per each class.) Pre-registration required by calling 705-286-3763.

Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 -
Instructor Justin Tiffin

June 10, 11 & 12
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This class combines the study of the Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 program with hands-on program experience to enable a greater understanding of design tools, layouts and basic features available to amateur or casual designers. It offers a range of instruction to help users manipulate images with improvements or complete redesigns. Students will develop a thorough understanding of basic techniques and design skills and will have an opportunity to use the program with one-on-one instruction as needed. Topics and skills include: red eye removal, teeth whitening, skin tone correction, cropping, and guided corrections for brightness, contrast, and colour saturation, depth of field and removal of objects using the object aware function.

**Introduction to Digital Animation &
Digital Magazine Creation**
Instructor - Sticks & Stones Media

June 24
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Simple step-by-step opportunity to try a number of animation features and creating a digital magazine. Participants must bring a digital camera.

Introduction to Social Media Strategies
Instructor - Victoria Ward

June 25
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This brief course will introduce students to social media platforms such as Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn & Google + and how each can be used to promote an event or shape campaigns. Writing concisely, making your event/idea go places and how to effectively use imagery will be discussed.

For information on any exhibit or workshop or to register, please call 705-286-3763.
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Road Maintenance Notice

Calcium application on municipal roadways and Sweeping both in and out of the Village of Minden are scheduled for the month of June.

Please approach areas undergoing maintenance with care and caution.

Public Notice

The Administrative Office for the Community Services Department has now been relocated from Scout Hall in the Minden Community Centre, to the first floor of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills.

All activities that were previously conducted at the Scout Hall location are now being managed through the Municipal Office location.

The Administrative Assistant for the Community Services Department can be reached at (705) 286-1280 x205.

Please contact Darren Levstek, Interim Director of Community Services at 705-286-1260 x213 or museum@mindenhills.ca

Did You Know – 2014 E-lection

That Municipalities must wait until September 2nd, 2014 to revise the Voters List. To see if you are on the list before September, simply log on to www.voterlookup.ca or contact MPAC at 1 866 296-6722.



2014 E-lection
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October 27, 2014

Highlander news



Photo by Mark Arike

Liberal candidate Rick Johnson stands in front of a space for rent at 83 Maple Avenue in Haliburton following his announcement to open an office in the area if elected MPP of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding.

Johnson promises local office

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

If elected, Liberal candidate Rick Johnson has committed to opening a constituency office in Haliburton County within 100 days of being sworn in as MPP.

"I'm really excited about this," said Johnson, who made the announcement at 83 Maple Avenue in Haliburton. "We just find it's a great way to bring more service into the community and just be more connected."

Johnson said he made monthly trips to Haliburton to meet with constituents and local municipal representatives in council

chambers when he was MPP between 2009 and 2011.

He indicated that by making reductions in other areas of the budget, the space would be part of the existing constituency office budget.

"This will not cost taxpayers another dime, but it will improve services for the residents in Haliburton County," he said.

An office location has not yet been chosen, but Johnson said it will be staffed. "We'll still maintain the office in Lindsay as our central office. This will be a satellite office. ... There will be people here two, three days. We'll figure it out."

Election day is June 12.

Community wary of deputy candidate's history

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Hills resident John Beattie filed his nomination for deputy-reeve on June 2. He is running against Rick Ashall and incumbent deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

"The irony is I like Cheryl Murdoch," he said. "She speaks out, but she's just not pushy enough. I won't hold back."

Beattie is a retired paralegal in Minden who moved to the area in 1987 with his wife, Hazel. She passed away in 1996. Born in New Brunswick, Beattie grew up in Toronto but had spent some summers in Fenelon Falls and wished to return to the north.

"I'm a country person at heart," he said.

His filing caused trepidation amongst some community members, who brought up Beattie's controversial past as the former leader of the Canadian Nazi Party.

"I went off the deep-end," said Beattie. "But it was all 50 years ago. That's way in the past and I've never been able to live it down."

In 1989, Beattie organized a Canada Day party in Minden that he said was intended to be a celebration for some teenagers and their bands. The event received national media attention when almost 100 skinheads attended the party and reportedly burned a cross.

"I did not know what a skinhead was. I was up here, where there weren't many

skinheads to be found. I had no idea what would happen."

Beattie now runs the British People's League (BPL), which he said is a hobby because of his interest in British history. The BPL website said the organization has a large global responsibility to rescue "British and European Christian civilization from the jaws of the third world."

"I don't hate others," he said. "It's political, there's nothing personal."

Beattie ran for mayor of Toronto in 1978, and he said his experience as a paralegal over 20 years gained him the skills of negotiation he will need for council.

"The bottom line is, this is the Minden Hills election and I'm sticking strictly to Minden Hills," he said. "I just want to see the town grow."

His campaign will focus on what he calls a divide between cottagers and locals, as well as a need for transparency in council.

"I want to see more openness and less closed door meetings. The public, as taxpayers, have the right to know what's going on."

Candidate Rick Ashall was positive about the extra competition in the deputy-reeve race.

"I think it's good for Minden Hills," he said. "Whenever you've got candidates putting their name forward, it's good for the township and it's good overall."

"It's every three to five years that each of us gets an opportunity to vote, whether

it be in a municipal, provincial or federal election," said Ashall. "For an electorate, there's benefit in having choice. I think the spirit of it is that it gives the electorate an opportunity to consider who they think in their opinion is best qualified."

This third candidate doesn't change Ashall's perspective on the campaign, or his

intended actions.

"Whether it's now three or whether three becomes four or five, you have to fundamentally believe, 'here's what I stand for.'"

The municipal elections take place October 27.



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HHHS Strategic Plan -

We want to hear from you...

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is developing a new Strategic Plan for 2014-17. This plan will help guide us as we move forward over the next three years.

To help inform the development of this plan, we are welcoming the insights and input of residents, cottagers, patients and clients, volunteers, staff members and our community partners.

We are asking that you share your views on the direction of health care in our region and the priorities of HHHS through this survey.

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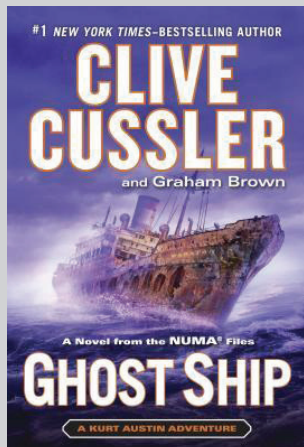
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. *Ghost Ship: a novel from the NUMA files* by Clive Cussler
2. *Four Friends* by Robyn Carr
3. *Resistant* by Michael Palmer

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Beerology: everything you need to know to enjoy beer...even more* by Mirella Amato
2. *Highgrove* by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales
3. *Our Scandalous Senate* by J. Patrick Boyer

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

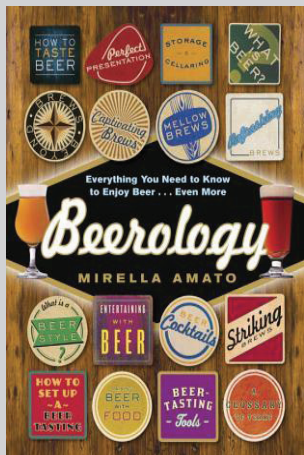
1. *My Body Belongs To Me From My Head To My Toes* by Dagmar Geisler (JNF)
2. *I Like Fish* by Margaret Wise Brown (Picture Book)

AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. *There's Something in the Water?* (DVD)
2. *Be Careful What You Wish For* by Jeffrey Archer (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Watch for us at the Treasures n' Trash Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 14! Friends of HCPL will be holding a Giant Book and Book Basket Sale, and we will have our Portable Library out with library information, registration forms, and a make and take away craft. Find us outside near the Dysart branch 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



What's Up

Write your book: part two



By George Farrell

About a year ago I wrote a What's Up column called 'Write Your Book'. In it I said that everyone has the makings of a book in them. I also wrote about some of the things I had learned from writing my own book. At that point in time I had finished the eighth, and what I thought was the final, draft.

Now I've finished my 12th draft. I have not used a professional editor; instead, several friends and acquaintances have helped me along the way. Both my mother and my partner Michelle suggested that I tone down the language a bit, while a relative in England, who is an avid reader and former book store owner, was confused by some of my sentence structures. She made me aware of how sentences could flow more eloquently.

Beverly Chamberlin, Shawn's mother, who lives in Hamilton, showed an interest in the book and she found numerous occasions where I'd written 'brought' when I meant 'bought,' and vice versa. Spell check does not catch that type of error.

In Haliburton I gave a draft to Donna Gagnon. She showed me how my opening could be much improved and it was valuable information. She also said that she threw the book down in disgust after the mystery was revealed because she felt that I'd deceived the reader into thinking it was a murder mystery. Well it is a mystery, but not a murder mystery, so I made the appropriate changes in order not to dupe the reader.

Sometime later I bumped into Jack Brezina and I told him about my book. He kindly offered to edit it for me, which he did, while on vacation in Australia. His knowledge proved invaluable and, after many of his suggestions were incorporated, I felt that my book, which I have called 'Lonely Lake,' was well and truly edited.

I decided to self-publish but I procrastinated for many months until once more I

bumped into Jack. His encouragement got me going again, and on the advice of another friend and author, Neil Campbell, I recently contacted Linda Middleton at Crystal Image Studio. She agreed to design the book and get it ready for printing and for e-readers.

I thought that a small John Lennard oil painting we own would make an ideal cover for my book. John, who is a friend, kindly gave me permission to use the image. I gave Linda a digital image of the painting. She took it, and the latest manuscript, to Mexico where she said it would be the ideal project for her to work on while she was there.

Linda returned after two weeks and I now have the book and the cover on my computer. The text looks just like it will when it's finally a book, but I'm finding more things that need changing, so I'm meticulously reading it and making corrections one last time. Geez, what a lengthy process it's turned out to be. It was four years ago that I started to write.

Looking back, I love the fact that the book has been worked on by friends and acquaintances in England, Australia, Mexico, Hamilton, and, of course in the Highlands. It gives it an international flavour, yet it also feels somewhat like a communal effort.

For those of you who want to write your own book, I recommend seeking guidance from both friends whose opinions you trust and people who will be your harshest critics. I know that I will be talking to learned friends before I start writing again, and hopefully with their input, coupled with what I've already learned, the words will start to flow once more.



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Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Three of TorQ's members, Daniel Morphy, Adam Campbell and Richard Burrows, play together at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 28. Middle: Jamie Drake, a member of TorQ Percussion Quartet, plays an instrument known as the cajon during a recent performance in Haliburton. Right: A Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student participates in a workshop with the members of TorQ Percussion Quartet.

TorQ teams up with high school students

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Before putting on an evening performance at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 28, TorQ Percussion Quartet spent some time with a group of Grades 10-12 students in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's (HHSS) music program.

"Education is a huge part of what we

do," said Adam Campbell, a member of the four-person group.

During the afternoon workshop, the group focused on rhythm and collaborating with others. Students had the opportunity to play along with members of the group as part of the learning experience.

"We often get students to do things that they've never tried before, and in a group setting when you're trying things in front of other people it can be a little intimidating and scary," said Campbell.

"They were all super good sports about it."

HHSS music teacher Melissa Stephens learned about TorQ after working with Campbell on the Highlands Summer Festival's production of *Anne of Green Gables* in 2011. She applied for program enhancement funds through the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, which made the workshop possible as well as an afternoon concert for students in Grades 8-12.

"Kids don't get to do things like that,"

said Stephens. "There's a lot of kids here that don't get out of the county, and they need role models and to know that it kind of validates their music."

Stephens called the afternoon concert "very cool."

"They started out the concert with some body percussion and got the kids involved, and then the kitchen sink."

TorQ Percussion Quartet performed at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre in 2011 as part of The Forest Festival.

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We believe the provincial government must commit to providing adequately funded programs and services, as well as tax rebates that allow and encourage seniors to age with dignity.

Issues that should be addressed include: protection and enhancement of pensions, incentives to encourage age-friendly communities, social housing/affordable housing, provision of and support for caregiving for seniors, independent living/support to stay in own homes, funding/care levels/supervision in resident homes.

QUALITY PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Though the newly-elected Provincial Government must manage fiscally and responsibly, reducing government debt over time, RTO/ERO urges the Provincial Government to maintain quality programs and services for all citizens in Ontario, especially our seniors.

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RTO/ERO recognizes that the future growth of the province depends on a quality, publicly-funded education system. It is essential, therefore, that a provincial government acknowledges and supports such a system and treats all educators and educational support staff with respect.

RTO/ERO supports the Ontario Teachers' Federation and its affiliates and their members in activities that will enhance the quality of teaching and learning for teachers and students.

We remember and respect those still teaching and working in the schools, colleges and universities in Ontario.



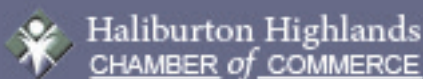
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Above all, RTO/ERO encourages members and the general public to exercise their democratic right and VOTE!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 18
Business on the Greens
 Shotgun Start at 3:30pm



Join the Chamber for our
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Thursday, June 19
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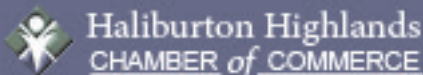
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Highlander business

Entrepreneur cooks up pizza campaign

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With the recent launch of her mobile pizza-making business, Janine Papadopoulous has also embarked on a campaign to help local families in need.

Papadopoulous, the owner of Into the Blue Bakery, set up an online fundraising campaign on the popular crowdfunding website indiegogo.com. There, visitors to her page can either donate to the start-up costs of her business or the 500 pizza campaign.

"My goal is to help families and children have local food made with local ingredients," she said in a video on her Indiegogo page.

Papadopoulous is aiming to raise a minimum of \$4,000, which will go towards both of her fundraising initiatives. For the pizza campaign she is selling prepaid vouchers that will be distributed to local service organizations that work with families in need.

Although she has yet to receive written commitments, Papadopoulous said she's received a verbal commitment from SIRCH Community Services to participate in the campaign. She's also in the midst of approaching several other organizations.

By running this campaign, Papadopoulous believes that local events she attends, such as the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, may receive some first-time visitors.

"It's just a way for me to be able to give back," she said, adding that because of the



Photo by Mark Arike

Janine Papadopoulous is ready to provide pizzas to families in need.

internet campaign people who might not ever visit Haliburton can still make a contribution.

Papadopoulous's pizza business made its debut at a spring launch event held at Abbey Gardens on May 17. With the help of a few volunteers, she served up several pizzas using

her wood-fired oven. The oven is capable of cooking a pizza in only 90 seconds.

"I sold out," she laughed, reflecting on the success she experienced.

In the fall, she plans on getting into making bagels and bread.

"If the bagels go, I'd like to be a distributor of awesome bagels in Haliburton County."

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Highlander business

Restaurant owners fired up about the future

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

When Jay Manning was diagnosed with brain cancer more than a year ago, the news not only forced him to fight for his life, it also made it challenging to continue running a business with his wife, Anita.

In fact, Jay's doctors advised that he stay away from the couple's business to avoid unnecessary stress while on the road to recovery.

That meant that his wife, along with their staff, had to keep The Fire House Restaurant running smoothly. The journey hasn't been easy and the couple admits that the business has suffered.

"We found that within the last few years, we've lost focus – with reasonable cause – on our restaurant," said Anita in a recent interview with Jay. "The energy sort of faltered."

With Jay no longer in the kitchen, a scaled-down, pub-style menu replaced what used to be a menu with a variety of options. Anita recalled how difficult it was for her husband to let go of the reigns.

"He had that vision, that energy and the passion in the kitchen," she said. "But physically he needed to focus somewhere else."

In order to "put the energy back where it

needs to be," the Mannings have hired a chef from Muskoka by the name of Tyler Beckmann.

"He's got great energy, he's very passionate about cooking. His goal is to own his own restaurant and on his journey there, he's stopped by and stepped into a position here," said Anita.

"We're going to have a great summer," added Jay.

In addition to weekly specials and themed nights, the restaurant's common area will be transformed to a summer market come the second week of June. Booth fees won't be charged until after the first two weeks of the market. Once the \$25 fee is introduced, proceeds will go directly to Grey Matters – Glioblastoma Multiforme Association (GBMA), a group that Jay created to raise awareness of brain cancer.

In his time, Jay has undergone two craniotomies and continues to take chemotherapy drugs.

However, with 98 per cent of his tumor gone and encouraging findings in his latest magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) report, Jay maintains a positive attitude and sense of humour.

"I've been rehabilitated and released back to the wild," he joked.

Jay exercises daily by doing upper body workouts, and walking five kilometres or



Photo Mark Arike

Anita and Jay Manning are welcoming a new chef to their restaurant, The Fire House, to meet their customers' expectations. The couple has owned the restaurant for 11 years.

riding on a stationary bike. He's also on a gluten-free diet.

"I feel at least 80 per cent better than what I did this time last year – and it's just going to get better and better," he said.

"His attitude and positive approach to it is unbelievable," said Anita.

Although the Mannings put the business up for sale with a local realtor in April, they're "not panicked to get out," said Anita.

"It's time for the next chapter in our lives," said Jay.

The Fire House is open three days a week (Friday to Sunday) until June 28, at which time it will switch to seven days a week.

Jay's eighth annual Grey Matters fundraising golf tournament will be held at the Pinestone Resort on July 19. For more information or to register call Anita at 705-380-1032 or email firehouserestaurant@yahoo.ca.

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Top left: Tea Cosy owner Lynda Wootton (right) sells tea to a customer during the home show. Top right: Haliburton Solar and Wind owner Brian Nash talks energy. Bottom left: Visitors check out furniture at the Northern Expressions exhibit. Middle: Families learn how to clean their floors. Bottom right: Wiseway Energy Solutions shows off its pellet stove.

Home show kicks off the summer

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Wayne Hussey is happy with how the 36th Annual Haliburton County Home and Cottage show turned out this past weekend.

Hussey has been the show's manager for the last 20 years. He said this year's turnout was close to 2,000 visitors through the show, from May 30 to June 1 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

"The vendors, from what we heard, most

of them were very happy," he said. "The thing I like about the show is that the vendors have a chance to talk to the people coming through."

While normally Hussey sees a turnover of 10 or so vendors, this year he had 30 to 40 new exhibitors at the show. Part of the reason was a late season which forced some local vendors to make up time on the weekend, meaning they had to cut out the show.

"We've lost a few locals, but we were able to pick up a lot of people from other areas," Hussey said.

Having the new faces added to the show, he said.

"One thing I was really impressed with were the exhibitors. We had a lot of new exhibitors, and the quality of their displays was excellent. It gives a really good mix."

The show's good reputation among the cottage and home show crowds helps to bring in vendors when they need to fill spaces.

"A lot of vendors travel all around the country," Hussey

said. "They get to know good shows and ones they want to be at. We get a lot of networking from there."

"If you look at the show and the size of it, it's pretty amazing to be able to pull [this] off with that size of a place."

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Photo by Mark Arike

Paramedic Jennifer Button assists local residents Claude and Gail Parish.

Paramedics lead quick and easy CPR and defib course

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local residents learned how to save lives during a free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) workshop at the Haliburton Legion on May 29. The event was hosted by the Haliburton County Paramedic Service.

"We try to do four [of these events] every year, one in each township," said paramedic Chris Parish.

Those who signed up received the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Anytime kit, which included a dummy to perform CPR on and a DVD covering the steps involved in performing this life-saving skill.

Paramedics like Parish volunteer their time to lead the class.

"It's just to get people trained quick," said Parish, who explained that paramedics go through a 16-hour course as part of their training.

"People like to come and do it – there's no test."

Paramedics also provided a demonstration on how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). The portable device is used as a method of intervention for those who experience sudden cardiac arrest.

Defibrillators are located at 40 public sites, such as community centres, arenas and legions, across Haliburton County.

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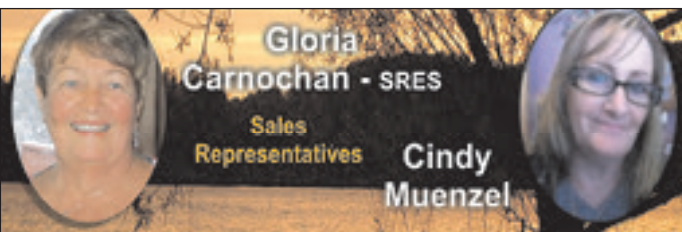
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Highlander life

Community helps widow through 'very sad time'

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

There are a lot of people Ann Barker wants to thank in the wake of her husband's death.

"Every single doctor, nurse and intern over the year and a half were excellent," said Ann. "That makes such a difference when you don't know what's going on."

Don Barker passed away at the age of 82 on April 27 after a short illness, and after 55 years of marriage. Ann credited Dr. Stephen Ferracuti and the Haliburton hospital for caring for him so well in his last days.

"If he made a noise at that hospital, the caregivers were in there looking after him."

"They put us in a small room, and half the county was in there at one point," she said. "But they allowed us to have visitors and have family there to be with him. They were really nice, very accommodating."

The beloved Camarvon-resident was the father of three kids, and the former owner/operator of Don Barker Heating and Cooling.

Ann was surprised by how many people – more than 400 at his visitation and 200 at his funeral – came to pay their respects. Many of the mourners included business associates who remembered Don's acts of kindness. It wasn't unlike him to install a furnace at no

charge for those in need.

"You don't know these things affect people until something has happened," said Ann. "Hopefully at some point in their life, people who remember something Don did for them do something for someone else."

Don had been a member of the former Stanhope Fire Department since 1974, and became deputy chief in about 1984. He retired in 1994 after a brief stint as acting fire chief.

"Don and Ann have been a very big part of the department," said colleague and current fire chief Keith Thomas.

To honour Don, the Stanhope Station 80 Firefighters Association supplied firefighters to stand with Don as honour guards during his visitation and on the day of the funeral as pallbearers. They also escorted his hearse and family with a fire engine on the day of his funeral.

"We wanted to show respect for his position and to be there for the family in their time of need."

Thomas said Barker was very kind-hearted and a bit of a prankster – a sentiment echoed by the many people who knew him.

"He was a very kind, hard-working, honest guy with a brilliantly dry sense of humour," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt saw Don in the hospital room after he had taken a turn for the worse. He wasn't consuming much liquid, and Moffatt pointed that out.

"I said, 'I understand you're pouring your drinks down the drain,'" said Moffatt.

"I'd drink something if there was beer," quipped Don.

Ann echoed Moffatt's sentiments about Don's personality.

"I told him, 'one of these days, someone is going to bop you because they won't know you're joking,'" she laughed.

Don was highly sought after by kids he encountered, and he called the boys by girls' names and the girls by boys' names to get a reaction from them.

After his passing, kids still came by the house to visit with Ann and make sure she wasn't left alone. She said the neighbourhood boys have been like shadows, and that they visit before and after school.

"They really miss him, too," she said.

She also appreciates the support of her next-

door neighbour, Amanda-Jo Thomas, as well as her niece Linda Burrell, who have shown their support like so many in the community.

"I just can't believe the number of people and the cards – oh my goodness – there must be 100 cards, and only two are the same."

"He would have been overwhelmed," said Ann. "He was never at the forefront of things. He would be amazed at the amount of people and really honoured by such tributes."

Ann said accepting Don's death has not been easy.

"There are times when you look up to say something and realize


he's not here," said Ann. "It gets very, very, lonely."

"It's a very sad time. You realize all of the things that you've lost. Life goes on for everyone, but your whole concept of life changes completely."


Ann said she is considering adopting a German Shepherd again to help keep her company, and welcomes any information people might have about an available dog.

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Photographs that highlight the local arts and culture scene now appear in the windows of an empty storefront, located at 177 Highland Street in Haliburton.

Photo project adds colour to vacant storefront

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

As of May 24, the windows of the former location of The Dollar Store & Beyond on Highland Street were no longer covered up with paper.

That's because local resident Barb Bolin recently took it upon herself to get some images put on them that give a glimpse into the Haliburton Highlands' vibrant arts and culture scene.

"The idea first came to mind when looking at the blank windows in The Bargain Shop a couple of years ago," said Bolin, the former principal of the Haliburton School of the Arts. "At that time I applied [to the municipality] for a permit to put [up] photos promoting the non-profit, cultural organizations in our community."

Bolin said she was denied the permit

because the municipality's sign bylaw doesn't allow third party advertising. The project was then put on hold.

Under the general provisions section of the municipality's bylaw, it states that "no person shall erect or alter or cause to be erected or altered a sign used to identify, explain or promote any business, enterprise or organization on any property unless such business, enterprise or organization conducts its business or activities on that property unless expressly permitted by this bylaw."

But then, when Bolin noticed that the dollar store across the street had closed its doors for business and covered up the windows with paper, she decided to try again.

"With the cooperation of the owner of the building, the real estate agent who is leasing the building and Luke Schell, the chair of the [Haliburton Village] BIA (Business Improvement Area), it was agreed to use

several of those windows and portray images that reflect images of cultural happenings in our community," she said.

Bolin then reached out to Janis Parker, owner of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. in Haliburton, for her expertise in projects such as these. Parker volunteered to go through photos from her own collection as well as photos taken by others, and agreed to donate the printing and design work. Schell also assisted with the selection process, she said.

"When there are vacant stores with blank windows I think that we have an opportunity to make the main street of the village of Haliburton look more interesting and at the same time promote some of the wonderful happenings we have going on here," said Bolin.

While she is elated that the project has come together with the help of friends, acquaintances and Parker's staff, Bolin says

she has faced challenges along the way.

"I have found this project to be frustrating because of the restrictions of the bylaw and yet there is no encouragement to come up with an alternative. When I applied to the municipality for the original project there was a lot of time spent by myself and others to come up with ideas and images as well as trying to connect with the marketing arm of the Bargain Shop for approval to use the blank windows."

Schell expressed his gratitude to Bolin and Parker on behalf of the BIA.

"We discussed it at our monthly BIA meeting [May 27] and are very impressed and appreciative," he said.

The images will stay on the windows until the space is rented out, said Bolin, however, if the project is deemed a success it's possible they will be moved to another vacant location, if one is available.



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From left, Angela Anstey, Sears district manager; Pete Sanderson, Sears staff; Aaron Walker, Food for Kids coordinator; Adrian and Wendy Vargas, Haliburton Sears store owners; and Lorna Votskos, Sears staff. Absent: Eleanor Lyle, Sears staff.

Food for Kids receives \$6K boost

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Sears Canada has donated \$3,000 in matching funds to Haliburton County's Food for Kids program following a successful fundraiser barbeque held at the company's Haliburton store on May 24.

"Without this, we would be at zero dollars at the end of the academic year," said Aaron Walker, coordinator of Food for Kids, prior to a cheque presentation for \$6,000 held at the store on May 30.

Established in 1999, the local student nutrition program currently provides breakfasts and snacks to over 1,250 children at schools across Haliburton County. It costs approximately \$75,000 to run the program annually, said Walker, more than half of which is funded by community donations.

"We're very big on kids," said Angela

Anstey, district manager of Ontario East for Sears Canada.

Anstey said the company's mantra is "Make every day a great day," and that's just what the Food for Kids program is helping children achieve.

"It's great they [the schools] have someone going in with the drive and initiative to do this," she said, referring to Walker's role as coordinator.

Anstey also commended the owners of the Haliburton store, Wendy and Adrian Vargas, for their support of the program and involvement in the community.

"Without their initiative and drive to do it, we wouldn't have anything to be a part of. ... They embody community spirit," she said.

Walker said that Minden Home Hardware will host a fundraiser barbeque for the program on June 7.

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Above: This year's valedictorian, Meghan Fox, receives an award for outstanding achievement from Laurel Schollen, vice president of academic, left, and Sandra Dupret, dean and principal of Fleming College's Haliburton campus. Top right: Graduates listen intently as former Fleming College principal Barb Bolin talks about the history of the Haliburton campus. Above right: Barb Bolin, former principal of the Haliburton campus and community advocate, addresses the graduating class.

Grads celebrate uniqueness and creativity

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A lot has changed at Haliburton's Fleming College campus over the years.

As someone who enjoyed a 36-year career with the school, Barb Bolin, the former principal of the campus, has witnessed its evolution.

"My life and yours has been changed forever by the Haliburton School of the Arts," Bolin told this year's graduating class during their convocation ceremony on May 30. "You spend various lengths of time in various disciplines, come from many parts of Canada and finished your diploma or certificate. And in typical Haliburton School of the Arts fashion, there have been many different ways to complete your studies."

Over 100 students graduated from 15-week certificate programs, the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program, and Sustainable Building Design and Construction.

Bolin started working for Fleming College when she was 21 years old. At that time a Haliburton campus didn't exist and there weren't any full-time students.

"There were about 75 part-time summer students and there's 2,500 now," she said.

The current campus was built 10 years ago and was made possible thanks to many organizations and individuals, Bolin pointed out. The community, for example, helped raise \$1.5 million to make the project a reality.

It changed "the structure of the community forever," she said.

Although Bolin isn't an artist herself, she encouraged graduates to practice their creativity throughout the rest of their lives.

"You and your community will be a much better place for it."

This year's valedictorian, Meghan Fox, told her fellow graduates that she tried hard to be someone she wasn't prior to attending the college.

"Here in a place where we can work with

like-minded people and under teachers who celebrate our uniqueness and creativity, we all have in one way or another found ourselves here at Fleming," said Fox.

She used the word family to describe the connections she has established with her fellow graduates, and left them with a few words of advice.

"Don't give up on people, don't give up on your work and most importantly, don't give up on yourselves," she said.

Fleming College President Tony Tilly congratulated the graduating class at the ceremony and spoke highly of the Haliburton campus.

"This is indeed a campus that nurtures creativity and fosters... a respect for the environment," said Tilly.

"The Haliburton campus, although it's unique and different from other campuses, has a lot in common with

other campuses in terms of what we call our core promise to students."

This, he said, is to be given "the opportunity to learn, to belong and to become."

Other speakers at the event included alumni member Lauren Ogilvie and college principal Sandra Dupret. Training officer Ted Brandon served as the event's master of ceremonies.

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HHSS Prom 2014



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Top: Bright colours, baseball caps and bow ties were trending at Prom 2014. Left: Mercedes Van Meer (left) and Stephanie Walker play at the props booth. Above: Grade 11 students Krista Duncan, Noelle Russell and Naomi Russell dressed in their Roaring 20's best for door duty.

HHSS students celebrate the Roaring Twenties

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

"We look so grown up," exclaimed one Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student as her peers began arriving at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre for the annual prom, held this year on May 31.

Some boys still wore their caps, and one student wore a sneaker with her dress to better play hackey sack in the parking lot, but for the most part it was gown-clad girls and boys

in bowties who danced the night away at the Roaring Twenties-themed dance.

"It took me three or four hours to get ready," said Daryl Woodley. "I basically started with my toenails and worked my way up."

"It took me 15 minutes," said fellow Grade 12 student Sam Tyler.

"I kayaked around a lake and had a nap," said their friend Jay Archer.

No matter how long each student took getting ready, principal Dan Marsden was sure to comment on how different each looked compared to their casual wear at school.

"It makes me feel old, thinking of my little girl all grown up," said mom Marcia Walker as she waited outside for her daughter, Stephanie.

Over 100 students and guests arrived in the passenger seats and backseats of their parents' cars after some celebrated at pre-prom parties.

"It was well-attended, well-enjoyed," said HHSS head secretary Jackie Mayhew. "It was a good night."

Once inside, prom-goers were treated to cupcakes and appetizers while a DJ played music for movers on the dance floor. A prop

photo booth had students taking souvenir pictures with each other while wearing feather boas or moustache stickers. Some students enjoyed the nice weather outside, while others took advantage of the setting sun to take photos of each other by the Pinestone's pond.

The week prior to the dance, graduating students nominated students to a Prom King/Prom Queen contest.

Charlene Hicks and Mac Monk-Cray received the honours this year and were celebrated on prom night.

HHSS Prom 2014



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Top left: Jamie Scheffel ensured Eric Elliot's collar was straight before heading inside. Top right: Jay Archer, Jennifer Robinson, Daryl Woodley, and Sam Tyler compared the time it took to get ready for the dance. Above: Daryl Woodley, Jessie Burke, and Hanna Reddering took a sweet break from Prom. Far right: From left to right, Elicia Garcia, Robyn Albert, Nicole Kerr, and Taryn Albert accessorize for Prom in the photo booth. Right: From left to right, Stephanie Walker, Brailey Clancy, Carson Barnhart, and Mercedes Van Meer prepare to go inside and celebrate at Prom.



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Charlene Hicks will represent HHSS in the triple jump at OFSAA.

Two track stars OFSAA-bound

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Two of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's track and field athletes are headed to OFSAA after successfully qualifying at the Eastern Regionals on May 29 and 30.

Grade 12 student Charlene Hicks finished third in the senior girls triple jump, while Shane O'Reilly finished fourth in midget boys javelin.

"We did well," said track and field coach Bruce Griffith of his team's performance at the regionals.

Although only two of the school's 17 athletes qualified for OFSAA, they were still competitive.

Joel Fedeski finished fifth in junior boys shot put, while Ryan Hill also finished fifth in junior boys javelin. Both just missed qualifying.

"Kendall Marsden had a great event by qualifying for the finals, top eight, in the midget girls 200 metre race," Griffith said. "She didn't qualify for OFSAA but ran a great race."

Hicks and O'Reilly will compete in Mississauga from June 5 to 7.

"[They're] probably pretty nervous, but very excited about going to the big show," Griffith said.

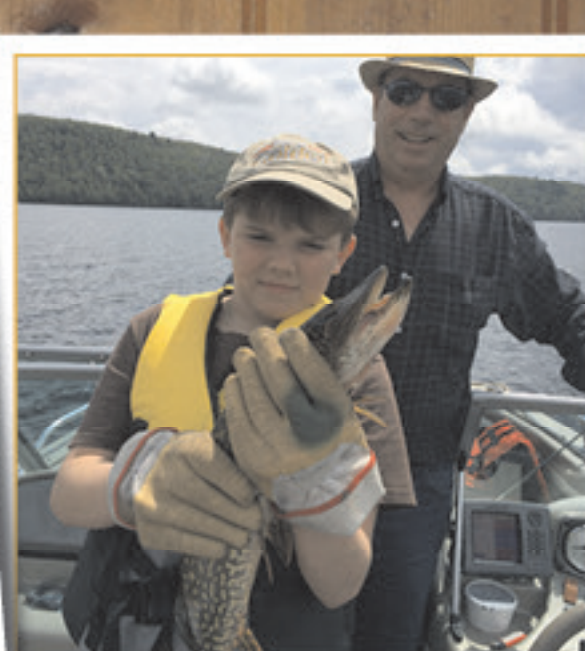
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Top: Chase Woon, right, of I.E. Weldon Secondary School pushes Hayley Moore past teacher Mary Cossarin and student Brittani Laurean, both from LCVI, in a 50-metre race. Above left: Special Olympians from Huntsville High School after their races. From left to right are Lisa Woodruff, Leslie Anne Aysanabee, Aislyn Law and Freedom Gustafson. Above right: Students and teachers cheer on athletes as they race to the finish line.

Special Olympians enjoy track and field meet at HHSS

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over 100 athletes from nine schools experienced some friendly competition on June 3 during the ninth annual Special Olympics track and field meet held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS). Unlike most competitive events the final

results weren't recorded, according to HHSS teacher Bruce Griffith, who said the emphasis was on fun, participation and meeting new friends. Participants received ribbons and every athlete was awarded a gold medal at the end of the day. Events included 50-metre and 200-metre races, long jump, noodle toss and relay. The schools that participated included Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Huntsville,

Lindsay, I.E. Weldon, Fenelon Falls, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and HHSS. "The relays are always awesome," said Griffith, adding that the other highlights included "seeing the smiles on their [the athletes'] faces when they participate and get their ribbons." Each year, Griffith applies to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Program

Enhancement Fund to help cover the costs of the event. He thanked all those who supported the event and were in attendance. "A big thank you to all the coaches that spend the extra time to get their kids ready and bring them to the event. Also a big thank you to the volunteer student leaders that ran each event and helped the students."

Highlander sports



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

These girls took off around the HHSS track in the 400-metre race on May 31 as part of the county track meet.

County kids fast off the mark

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) track was abuzz with activity on May 31 as students from each of the county's elementary schools competed in the annual Haliburton County track meet.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) principal Traci Hubbert said this year organizers upped the number of students per school to six from four the previous years. "The intent is to get as many kids as possible to participate within a framework to be able to do it all in a day," she said.

Each school selects its own track team and sends their students to the county competition. They compete in eight different categories: girls and boys atom, bantam, midget and tyke. Each student may compete in up to four events. They accumulate points throughout the day based on how they finish, and at the end receive trophies for first and second overall in their categories. Sixteen trophies are handed out, along with individual event ribbons.

"I think it was fabulous," Hubbert said. "Every student

gets a ribbon for participating, and the top six students in each event receive placement ribbons."

While the kids were competing, parents, family members and friends cheered and encouraged the athletes.

"I love the fact that it's such a community event," she said. "So many parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, and they all come and cheer on their kids. They're so proud of their kids. It's such a lovely event that way. It really brings the community together."

The meet was so well-attended, it became a challenge just to find parking.

Hubbert said the event helps to promote healthy living and physical activity, but the athletes also take home more than a ribbon or trophy.

"[There's] lots of school pride," she said. "They get to wear their jersey. For some kids, there's a personal sense of pride and accomplishment in what they've been able to do."

Staff and principals from the other schools helped to run and organize the track meet along with Hubbert, who was very thankful. Some of the HHSS students also volunteered their time to keep scores.

Overall results:

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2nd: Sam Pamplin – J.D. Hodgson

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1st: Owen Smith – Archie Stouffer
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2nd: Carley Duncan – Archie Stouffer

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Above: Grade 2 Archie Stouffer Elementary School track star Melanie Walter leads the pack in the 100-metre dash. Left: Dawson Hutchings, a J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Grade 6 student, takes off on his triple jump attempt. Far left: J.D. Hodgson Grade 8 student Brittany Imasuen launches herself to win the girls long jump.



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Top: Film festival host Austin Wilkins, right, presents the grand prize - a GoPro camera - to Josh Wood of I.E. Weldon Secondary School. Wood and his team were named the overall winners for their film, "When Danger Calls." Above: The TLDSB's film festival host introduces the entries in the public service announcement category.

High school film fest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Young talent from within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) converged upon Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 29 for the seventh annual film festival.

The festival featured the original work of students from schools in Fenelon Falls, Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes, Lindsay, Minden and Haliburton. Tammy Rea of Sticks and Stones Productions judged entries in the following categories: elementary, animation, music video, open, public service announcement, narrative, best comedy, best message, technical and overall winner.

Prizes included a GoPro camera, USB sticks and iTunes gift cards.

"The idea was hearing their message - what was their underlying message," said Jennifer Lacombe, event organizer and media arts teacher at I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

Fifty per cent of the judge's score was for technical quality while the other half was for the film's message.

The festival, which got its start at Huntsville High School, was funded by the TLDSB Program Enhancement Fund. This was its debut at HHSS.

This was the first year that entries were accepted from elementary school students, said Lacombe. The films were made by students in their media class.

"That's because they were doing things in

their classroom anyways, so we just wanted to give them a bit of a stage... it's still mostly a high school competition."

Students from all high schools and the feeder schools were invited to the festival held in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

To check out the entries visit youtube.com/tldsstudentfilms.

Winners

Elementary Blackwood Forest Project David Peterkin and Owen Worsley Fenelon Township P. S.	Helmet again/ BMLSS
Animation Dream Brittany Catton I.E. Weldon	Narrative Music In My Life Nathan Truax I.E. Weldon
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Left: A group of excited Grade 10 students surround Const. Isaac Austin and a table filled with items belonging to the OPP's Emergency Response Team. Middle: Const. Ezra Zugehoer and his furry companion, Racket, are members of the OPP's Canine Unit. Right: Grade 10 student Drew VanLieshout wears some of the tactical unit's gear while OPP Const. Ryan Weir talks about how the outfit is used.

Behind the badge: students explore policing careers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

When most people think of show-and-tell, guns, tasers and dogs wouldn't likely come to mind.

But on June 3, Grade 10 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) were treated to a special presentation from members of the OPP that included all these items and more.

Four classes from the careers program attended the event held in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which included

members of the OPP's Emergency Response Team (ERT), Canine Unit, the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and City of Kawartha Lakes OPP.

Students not only got to see some of the ERT's tools of the trade, but a couple were lucky enough to try on the attire that is used in containment calls, covert static surveillance, and protests and riots.

"What these fellas have to go through is a rigorous selection process," said OPP Sgt. Dan Collings, referring to members of the ERT. "Whenever there's a vacancy at the detachment, we advertise at the detachment and people have to apply for the job and get

the job – even though they're already a police officer."

Const. Ezra Zugehoer, a member of the Canine Unit, piqued the students' interest when he brought out his four-legged companions, Racket and Kit. Racket is a German shepherd that is primarily used in search and rescue missions, while Kit, a chocolate labrador, is trained to find cadavers. "It's a very important job, a very rewarding job," said Zugehoer.

Following the presentation, students had the chance to get a closer look at some of the gear and weapons with the officers present.

HHSS teacher Sam Little said events such as

these make students aware of available career opportunities and help them make informed decisions when selecting future high school courses.

"We're trying to make it experiential learning," said Little.

In the past, Grade 10 students have been visited by groups such as the Health Unit, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Fleming College.

Any other businesses or organizations interested in presenting career options to students should contact Little at 705-457-2950.

Through my eyes

Becoming a part of the community

I have been writing my columns for three months now, and I've been wondering how many people are impacted by them.

A few days ago I was in the bank making a transaction. A woman at the window next to mine turns to me and says, "I love your column, I read it every week." This made me turn red and left me speechless. Julie (my teller) smiled at me and said "that's awesome, you should be proud."

Then I proceeded to head to the Dublin Gate for a leisurely lunch and one of the staff members asked me, "why are you not in school?" I replied, "I work from home and take online classes."

"What do you do for a job," he asked.

"I write a column for the Highlander," was my reply.

He told me that I should be very proud and that I was a very smart gentleman. He also recommended that I travel to different places to learn about diverse cultures.

This left me realizing that I do impact my community. I am in no way a pillar, but I am an important part of the community. Both of these incidents happening on the same day left me with

By Austin McGillion

a sense of pride. I finally realized that I am truly understood and that I should get out more often to meet the people in our community. I don't need to be so introverted.

I would like to thank the woman at the bank for taking the time to recognize me and for expressing her feelings of gratitude. I would like to thank Vjay at the Dublin Gate for his encouragement and advice to further my studies and continue my writing. This is how communities should be everywhere – caring, supportive and offering encouragement. These two people in a single day have bolstered my self-confidence and have inspired me to strive hard to make an impact on people, not just here in Haliburton but everywhere.

So I would like to thank Bram and Matthew at The Highlander for this amazing opportunity to grow as a person, as well as Heather and Ashley for their warm smiles and friendly encouragement.

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Highlander events



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Left: Constable Robin Carmount offered his arm as a test for Kelly Harrison to experiment on. Harrison, an intake worker at Point in Time, was volunteering at Canadian Tire's Jumpstart event. Right: Two-and-a-half-year-old Rosy Bell was delighted to jump in the bouncy castle and dive down the inflatable slide in support of Canadian Tire's Jumpstart event.

Jumpstart kicks off awareness campaign

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Canadian Tire's Jumpstart awareness campaign kicked off over the weekend, and for the event's organizers it was more about getting the word out than raising funds.

Event organizer Leigh-Ann McLean spoke on May 31 about the importance of Jumpstart to the local community. Though fundraising is important, she said it's most essential that people in Haliburton County are aware of the program and the benefit it offers to local underprivileged kids.

"This is a great program and we're really happy its name is getting out there," said

McLean, who owns Canadian Tire in Minden with her husband, Steve.

The McLeans hosted Jumpstart Day with activities like face painting, a barbecue and bouncy castles. Kids also had the chance to meet local EMS, OPP and firefighters, who brought along their emergency vehicles.

Jumpstart helps youth, aged four to 18, get into sports. Through the program, kids and teenagers who can't afford to play receive up to \$300 for sporting costs, twice a year. Sporting costs include program enrolment fees, transportation costs and sports equipment. The Jumpstart program through Canadian Tire supports about 100 individuals in Haliburton County.

"We're really excited about the opportunity

to encourage kids to participate in recreational programs," said community partner Point in Time's executive director, Marg Cox. "There's a huge link here for people to be successful in life, and this program opens the door and levels the playing field so everyone can be involved."

Eight volunteers from Point in Time were on hand to help kids make fishing lures and play safely on the equipment. The organization recommends qualifying kids to the Jumpstart program, and also helps facilitate enrolment if parents don't feel comfortable filling out the in-store applications.

Both McLean and Cox stressed the program's confidentiality, which ensures participants aren't identified within the

sporting organizations.

Cox praised the support and commitment of the McLeans, while McLean praised the dedication of Point in Time, as well as her staff.

"My staff has been amazing about asking people to donate to the program," she said. "And people should know that all the money raised here, stays here."

Customers can help support the Jumpstart program by purchasing balls at the store, or by donating Canadian Tire money at the check-out. Participants can fill out applications available at Canadian Tire, or by contacting Point in Time at 705-457-5345.

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Gardeners master the plant sale

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A busy line snaked its way out of Minden's Village Green during the Haliburton County Master Gardeners (HCMG) annual plant sale on May 31.

"I came 30 minutes before it opened and was 46th in line," said Tess Pendrith of Norland. "Last year I came at the same time and was 30th in line."

Though Pendrith said she missed out on a few plants she was hoping to get, she still collected a good selection to take home.

Gerda Hammond of Carnarvon had her hands full with a box of plants.

"This is my third year coming here. I'm trying to produce a wonderful garden."

Event coordinator and master gardener Heather Chambers wasn't surprised the plant sale, which was slated to run for two hours, sold out in just 30 minutes. It's common at the sale for the plants to go quickly despite

the selection available.

"I think people recognize the real value they're getting for the dollars they're paying," she said.

Plants are donated from HCMG members' own collections, or by members who have engaged in a potting party. A few weeks prior to the sale, the HCMG buys plants from Rural Roots Gardens south of Bobcaygeon, and then members get together to separate the large clumps into individual pots.

About \$1,000 is usually made at the sale, and proceeds go to various educational purposes including school programs for children and support for members to take the certification courses required to become a Master Gardener. The HCMG also helps to beautify and renovate the Village Green, and to help seasonal residents understand and participate in shoreline restoration through educational programs and advice clinics.

Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Melissa Stephens performs during the May 31 Highlands Chamber Orchestra concert.

Romance at the Pavilion

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra played its spring concert on May 31, and with each performance the group is getting better and better.

Dan Manley, the orchestra's musical director, said it was a big show for the musicians.

"It was fantastic," he said. "It was a lot of music. We even had to drop a piece due to time constraints."

The show, titled A March, A Dance, A Serenade, A Romance, opened with a march, followed by two ballet pieces and ended with a piano concerto. The serenade portion had to be dropped because the orchestra was missing key wind pieces.

Practices for the show started in the second week of January, every Friday. Four weeks before the concert, the orchestra began practicing on Saturday mornings as well. The orchestra is made up of both novice and experienced musicians.

Manley said the music he selected gave

the whole ensemble a workout, with key parts for every section. The pieces were bite sized, which gave the musicians time to get comfortable with them.

"I was seeing growth at every concert," he said. "We just upped the game a whole bunch more. Because they were smaller bite-sized pieces, it was easier to get a larger picture of what that piece means and therefore you can spend more time perfecting ensemble playing, tuning, and the ensemble gets to grow together."

The orchestra's next show is a pop's concert scheduled for Nov. 22. Manley hopes to have a mixture of full orchestra pieces, a few pieces for singers, and something to bring the house down at the end.

The group is in need of more local string, oboe and bassoon players. Locals and cottagers who are able to attend regular practices are invited to apply. Visit highlandschamberorchestra.ca for more details.

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Thank you for the many donations made in Don's memory. Thank you also for the flowers, cards and food.

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OBITUARIES



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(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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Graveside Service & Reception

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Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

For further information, please contact the municipal office:

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Wanted - Radio Hall Coordinator

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Project Description

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Thursday, June 26, 2014

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Business of the Corporation

(Reports of Board and CEO, Chief of Staff, Auditors, Foundation and Accreditation, and Nominating Committee/ Election of Directors; Appointment of Auditors and other business)

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What's on



Photo submitted by Sweet Alibi

Musical trio Sweet Alibi will play in the Highlands on June 6.

Sweet Alibi sets sights on Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It wasn't long after Jess Rae Ayre, Michelle Anderson and Amber Quesnel met in junior high that they were making music together as Sweet Alibi.

"Michelle and Jess were like, 'let's try to start a band.' And Jessica was like 'I know this girl Amber,'" recalled Quesnel in a phone interview. "So they invited me and then we did our first rehearsal and wrote a song."

The Winnipeg-based group wrote that first song, "Pick Me Up," in 2009. Soon after they were well on their way to putting together their self-titled debut album, which earned them a nomination for best vocalist at the 2012 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

"People loved our first CD," said Quesnel. "We toured quite a bit with it. It got us lots of different kinds of bigger shows that we weren't expecting."

According to Quesnel, each member of Sweet Alibi has had a life-long passion for music. Her grandmother played piano and her father taught her how to play guitar.

"There was always instruments being played at family functions. I had my first guitar when I was nine or 10," she said.

Anderson has been playing guitar for 20 years and Ayre grew up singing in the choir and playing piano.

When asked if they had planned on making a career out of music, Quesnel bursts into laughter.

"I think we all wanted to start a band, but we didn't know what that entailed. We got

together and wrote a song, and we had no expectations."

In the beginning, the group embraced the sounds of folk and country music, said Quesnel. However, as they've developed as artists, Sweet Alibi has grown into an eclectic style and serves up songs that would better fit into the pop genre.

"It's hard to pigeonhole because we all come from different likings. ... When we write, we tend to write different styles. We have different styles of playing guitar."

Their latest release, "We've Got To," is a more introspective record that examines some of their own personal struggles. Ayre wrote the song "Get It Right," which deals with her journey to sobriety. "Daddy" is about Quesnel's father's drinking and driving problem, and "I'll Wait" started off a song

about her mother who was diagnosed with cancer.

"Those are really personal – they were hard to play a first," she said.

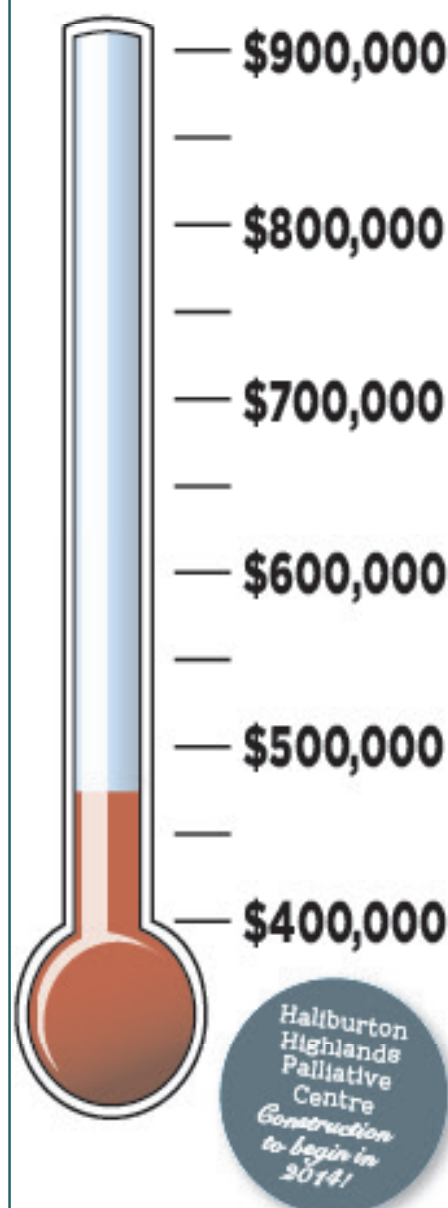
Sweet Alibi has toured Canada extensively and on June 6 will bring their sound to Haliburton for the very first time.

"We've got some new songs and old favourites, and we're just super pumped to be on the road. We're super excited about the Haliburton show because it's one of our bigger shows."

The concert, which is being hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society, starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Photo Shop in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden and online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca.



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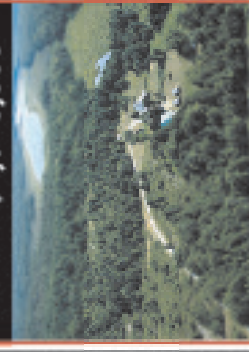
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